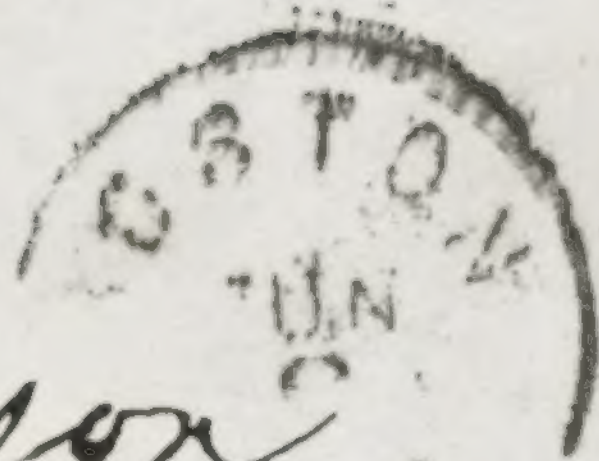


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My dear Johnson:

I received a letter from you yesterday, and another this morning — both sorrowful indeed as to the great bodily sufferings of your dear wife, and the hopelessness of ~~her~~ case. Under such distressing circumstances, it will be a joyful liberation of the spirit from its clayey tenement when the summons comes to that end. I will endeavor to hold myself in readiness to be with you whenever needed, though I am still suffering from spinal weakness and inflammation, and the journey will be unavoidably a painful one. I shall then be better able to decide whether I can attend the Yearly Meeting at Longwood than I can at this time. It is quite uncertain whether I shall be able to endure the fatigue and excitement of the occasion; but it will not be for the want of a strong desire to be there if I shall remain away.



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I saw Mrs. Livermore yesterday, and was glad to get from her the assurance that all her arrangements were made for being at Longwood, and that she will remain there through all the meetings, Sunday inclusive. She will be a ready as well as forcible speaker, and will doubtless be disposed to fill any gaps that may be made by the absence of others. I regard her as the ablest woman speaker in the land.

All the warm sympathies of my heart are with you in this trying hour.

The thoughts of my dear wife are concentrated with mine by the bedside of the dying sufferer; and while we shrink to hear of her departure, we cannot wish her to remain only to endure the severest pains, with no possibility of recovery. Whatever can be done to relieve her sharp distress will be lovingly attempted; and there will be ministering spirits hovering over her to comfort and strengthen her through her impending dissolution. My kindest regards to Dinah Mendenhall.

Yours, tenderly, W. L. G.